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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BELGRADE BY CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DR. ROBERT ADELSTEIN OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH THAT HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A TRIP TO BELGRADE BY A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS FROM SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING KNOWN TO REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CSCE MEETING THE CONCERNS WITHIN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY ABOUT TREATMENT OF SCIENTISTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. ORGANIZATION OF THE TRIP HAS APPARENTLY BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME AND THE GROUP HAS JUST NOW GOTTEN READY TO GO. DEPARTMENT HAS WARNED DR. ADELSTEIN THAT THE BELGRADE MEETING IS IN ITS CONCLUDING PHASE AND THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO CONTACT DELEGATES. UNCLASSIFIED

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DR. ADELSTEIN HAS REPORTED THIS FACT TO HIS EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES WHO STILL DESIRE TO TRAVEL. GROUP WILL BE IN BELGRADE, FEBRUARY 26 - 28, AND WILL BE STAYING AT HOTEL METROPOLE.

2. DR. ADELSTEIN IS MICROBIOLOGIST AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE

AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN EFFORTS TO AID SOVIET REFUSNIKS AND HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE THE CSCE COMMISSION. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DR. ANDREW LWOFF -- FRANCE, NOBEL LAUREATE, CHAIRMAN OF FRENCH NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION; UNOFFICIAL CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP.

DR. THOROLF RAFTO -- ECONOMIST, NORWAY

DR. ROBERT LEVENBERGER --CHEMIST, SWITZERLAND

3. DR. ADELSTEIN HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO PASS ALONG HIS REQUEST FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE US CSCE DELEGATION.

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